



H.Res. 375 - Honoring United Parcel Service and its 100 years of commitment and leadership in the United States

Floor Situation

H.Res. 375 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Lynn Westmoreland (R-GA) on May 3, 2007. The bill was referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and was passed by a voice vote.

The bill is expected to be considered on the floor on July 16, 2007.

Summary

H.Res. 375 recognizes United Parcel Service's role in the global transportation system as the world's largest package delivery company and celebrates United Parcel Service's 100th anniversary.

Background

In 1907, James E. 'Jim' Casey borrowed \$100 from a friend to found the American Messenger Company in Seattle, Washington. He and his partner Claude Ryan, focused on providing the best service and lowest rates to launch what would become the world's largest package delivery service.

In 1913, the American Messenger Company acquired its first delivery car, a Model T Ford, merged with competitor Evert 'Mac' McCabe, and selected the name Merchants Parcel Delivery. By 1919, Merchants Parcel Delivery made its first expansion beyond Seattle to Oakland, California, and adopted its present name, United Parcel Service (UPS). In 1929, UPS became the first package delivery company to provide air service.

UPS has earned numerous awards for its outstanding business practices, including the following most recent accolades: the 2006 Harris Interactive RQSM survey ranking UPS as the Nation's top company for people's 'trust in the company'; America's most socially responsible company by Fortune magazine, Hispanic Business magazine; as one of the top companies in the world for Hispanics in the workforce; Black Enterprise magazine's list of the '40 Best Companies for Diversity'; and the Clean Air Excellence Award of the Environmental Protection Agency that cited UPS's alternative fuel program under which the UPS 'Green Fleet' recently passed the 100,000,000 mile mark.

UPS also plays a significant role in philanthropic leadership in the United States through such activities as the following: raising \$59,300,000 in 2006 for the United Way and being recognized as a top donor of the United Way for 7 straight years, the UPS Foundation, the Annie E. Casey Foundation, Casey Family Services, and Casey Family Programs (in which UPS employees organize food drives, work in soup kitchens, mentor troubled youth and help to improve impoverished communities across the United States) and by partnering with the United Negro College Fund and the Hispanic Scholarship Fund and finally the UPS Community Internship Program.

UPS employs over 427,000 employees, operates the world's largest package delivery network, operates the world's eighth largest airline, utilizes almost 92,000 vehicles, offers traditional and nontraditional financial services and insurance products through UPS Capital, extends UPS's capabilities to help customers move goods of all sizes through UPS FreightSM, and offers an ever-expanding array of supply chain services that include UPS Mail Innovations.

Cost

This bill has not been scored by the Congressional Budget Office.

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